

**Testimony Concerning Desmonds' Law  
Connecticut Votes For Animals, [on 04/01/15**

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I would like to you for the opportunity to express my support of **HB 6187 AND SB 1128**, aka **DESMONDS' LAW**.

I am adding my name and testimony to plead for the passing of the above laws, which will make it a felony to abuse animals.

As a volunteer at a local dog pound, I see, all to often, the horror of what happens to innocent dogs at the hands of people... people these animals trusted and served. They are then sentenced for their owner's crimes, by having to live in a cramped kennel, alongside other beaten and abused dogs who new owners are afraid to adopt, thinking them "damaged goods."

I am currently fostering a young male pup who was most likely attacked repeatedly in the effort to make him a "bait dog". I have another rescued dog already in my home... but this young pup was near death and may not have survived if I hadn't fostered him. The work is tiring and expensive, and the abusers who left him this way should not be able to keep on doing so without a REAL penalty.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to testify and I do hope you will strongly support this important piece of legislation.

Thank you,

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